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Time's up for teacher talks

Province expected to 'bring down the hammer' today.
Contracts imposed on teachers will mirror deals with other unions

Education Minister Laurel Broten will impose contracts on public-school teachers under the minority Liberal government's controversial Bill 115 before classes resume Monday, Torstar News Service has learned.

The details — to be announced at a news conference Thursday — mirror the two-year deals reached last summer with Catholic and French-language teachers, freezing pay for most, reducing sick days and limiting how much unclaimed sick time can be cashed out at retirement.

"We have to do it or else it'll be the world's biggest flip-flop," a senior government source said Wednesday.

However, it's unlikely Broten's measures will restore peace in public schools.

Many teachers are expected to continue boycotting extra-curricular activities such as coaching sports teams and helping with student clubs.

And a one-day, province-wide political protest has been threatened by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, although it's not clear if this means an illegal strike.

The two powerful unions contend Bill 115, passed with support from the Progressive Conservatives, unconstitutionally curbs their collective bargaining rights and are challenging it in court.

Premier Dalton McGuinty strongly hinted at the government's action in a three-page letter to teachers Wednesday after weeks of one-day rotating strikes by elementary teachers and extracurricular bans.

"Our preference is and has always been negotiated settlements. But after 10 months, the bargaining deadline (Jan. 1) has passed," McGuinty said.

A top Liberal strategist said Broten has no choice but to use the powers under Bill 115.

"She is going to bring down the hammer," said the veteran.

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Solution wanted

"Ontarians expect, rightly, that uncertainty in education will not continue indefinitely."
Premier Dalton McGuinty

HONEST ED IS GOING TO D.C. — AGAIN

Toronto Police Services horse Honest Ed and his rider, Const. Rob Graham, pose on the edge of Lake Ontario on Wednesday. Honest Ed, named after Ed Mirvish on his 89th birthday by former Toronto police chief Julian Fantino, will be marching in the parade at U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration later this month. He did the same in 2009 at Obama's first inauguration, where an estimated 400,000 people were in attendance. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sandy aid vote will happen after all

After intense pressure from fellow Republicans, leader of the U.S. House agrees to a vote this week on aid for Superstorm Sandy recovery PAGE 6

Critics' picks show their age

No one chose Fun's We Are Young as their favourite track of 2012, and one critic even had to Google Ke$ha. Frank Ocean got all the reviewers' hearts throbbing, but how the heck does one choose a 'favourite' song of the year anyway? PAGE 19

Lockout helps Leafs prospect sharpen skills

Tom Nilsson, who plays for Mora IK of Sweden's second division, says he's learning a lot from teammate NHLers who have dispersed to Europe because of the lockout PAGE 25

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Regional Road 20

Cop fined for speeding off-duty

A court has fined a Durham Region police officer more than $850 for driving almost double the speed limit while off-duty in a rural area of Clarington.

Veteran Const. Thomasz Stefanski received the penalty recently after pleading guilty in provincial-offences court to speeding at 155 km/h in an 80 km/h zone on Regional Road 20, east of Oshawa.

The court slapped Stefanski with a fine of $731.25, but surcharges of $125 bumped up the penalty to $856.25.

Officers pulled him over last May 21. They issued a caution notice but did not lay a charge and allowed him to continue driving.

Police did not issue a summons and speeding ticket until weeks later, after supervisors received information about the incident and reconsidered the original decision.

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Keele Street

Man charged in fatal stabbing

A man has been charged with second-degree murder in the New Year's Day stabbing of a 22-year-old man outside a Keele Street bar.

Nicholas Silvera, 29, of Toronto, turned himself in to police Tuesday afternoon. He appeared for a bail hearing at a North York courthouse Wednesday morning.

Police identified the victim as O'Marie Brooks, 22, also of Toronto. Brooks was stabbed in the chest during an altercation in the parking lot outside Randy's Sports Bar and Restaurant at 4801 Keele St.

Police have not released information about a motive in the murder.

This marked Toronto's first homicide of 2013.

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Police. Lacking key doc, SIU drops beating investigation

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) says it has been forced to close an investigation into a beating allegation against a Toronto police officer because the force is refusing to hand over a key document.

Ian Scott, the director of the SIU, is calling the situation "almost comical" and says the Toronto Police Service may be in breach of its duty to co-operate with the agency.

Toronto police communications director Mark Pugash says the document is not the Toronto Police Service's to hand over.

Tyrone Phillips, 27, filed a complaint on Aug. 8 with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD), alleging he was beaten unconscious when he was arrested outside a nightclub on July 28.

The complaint was referred to the SIU on Oct. 12.

Scott says the Toronto Police Service refuses to give the SIU a copy of Phillips' original complaint and he can't conduct a full investigation without it, but Pugash says Toronto police can't release a third-party document and the SIU must get it from the OIPRD.

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Ban. City council to decide fate of shark-fin appeal

Toronto has served notice it plans to appeal a court ruling that struck down the city's shark-fin ban — but nothing will happen without direction from city council.

City solicitor Anna Kinastowski confirmed Wednesday her department filed the notice before an appeal deadline, but added that it did so "pending council instructions."

That sets up a debate, likely this month or in February, on whether to use city legal resources to try to revive a bylaw that Kinastowski had warned presented legal challenges when council passed it in 2011.

Anna Kinastowski
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In November, Ontario Superior Court Justice James Spence ruled Toronto's ban on fins falls outside of the city's jurisdiction. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mother charged with murder in girl's death

Mississauga. There were no immediate explanations for what spurred alleged attack on two-year-old

Ian Collins stood on his porch late Tuesday night and watched as the body of a two-year-old was taken out of a neighbouring townhouse in Mississauga.

Evadne Williams-Scott's body was in a small, white bag; it was not on a stretcher but carried in someone's arms.

"I'm sad. It hurts to see a little child whose life has been taken," said Collins, who lives in the social-housing complex on Colonial Drive, near Ridgeway Drive and The Collegeway.

Peel Regional Police charged the toddler's 24-year-old mother, Teresa Williams, with second-degree murder. She appeared Wednesday afternoon in a Brampton court, where proceedings were adjourned to allow time for a psychiatric evaluation.

At around 3:45 p.m. on New Year's Day, police responded to a disturbance call at the housing complex. Williams was on the balcony of her unit, barefoot and hysterical. She then barricaded herself inside.

"We had to use a conducted energy weapon in order to subdue her due to her heightened state of hysteria," said Insp. Randy Cowan, referring to a Taser.

When police entered the unit, they found the girl with "obvious signs of trauma," said Cowan. An autopsy has been conducted, but the cause of death was not released.

The death marked Peel's first homicide of 2013.

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Quoted

"We had to use a conducted energy weapon (Taser) in order to subdue her due to her heightened state of hysteria."

Insp. Randy Cowan, referring to police actions after suspect Teresa Williams barricaded herself indoors.

Teresa Williams, 24, shown with her daughter Evadne. Williams has been charged with second-degree murder after Evadne was found dead inside the family's home on Tuesday. FACEBOOK.COM

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Graffiti through hip-hop eyes

York University. New course explores issues of public space, property rights, difference between art and vandalism

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A new class at York University is taking a closer look at the precarious position of "legal graffiti" in Toronto while studying the city through hip-hop culture.

"Given that hip hop is an urban culture, now a global urban culture, I thought it would be interesting for students to explore Canadian cities and international cities through the lens of hip hop," professor Simon Black said in an interview.

Hip hop has four elements: Rap, graffiti, breakdancing and DJ-ing. The pillar of hip hop that comes into conflict with the law is graffiti.

Quoted

"Graffiti artists ... are often the target of the police and the municipal government. Whereas, multi-billion-dollar corporations can do all sorts of visual pollution in places like Dundas Square, because they have power and money."

Simon Black, York University

"In class, we use graffiti as a lens to explore other issues of public space, property rights and what constitutes art in the city and what constitutes vandalism," said Black.

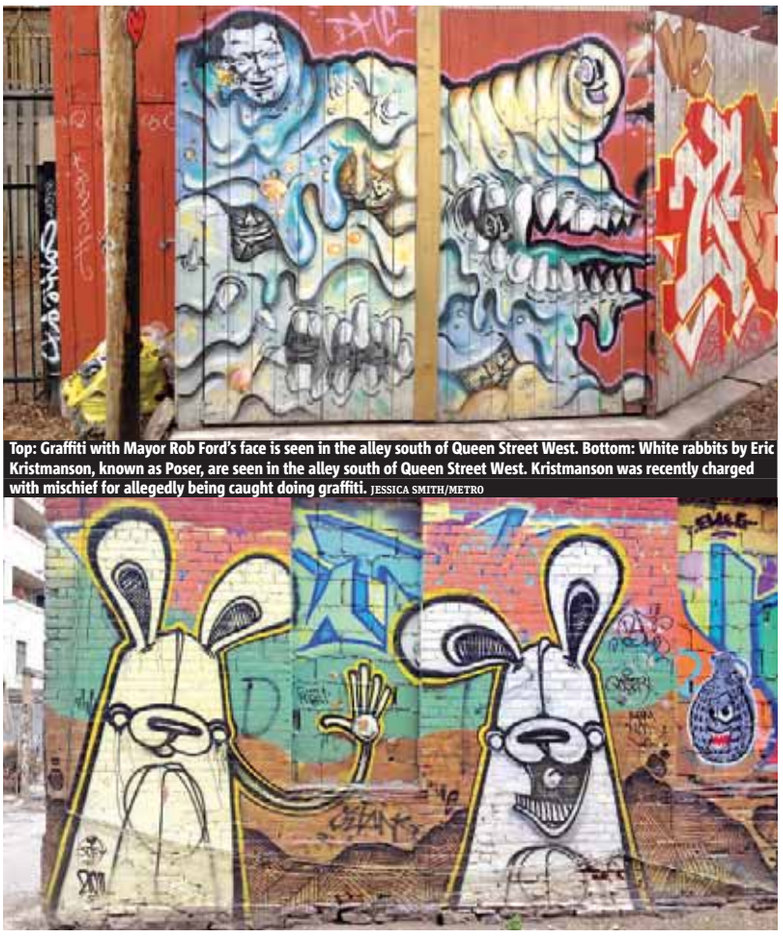
About a month after Mayor Rob Ford launched a crackdown on graffiti this spring, Black and his urban studies students walked through the back alleys of Queen West, listening to a guest lecture by a well-known local graffiti artist.

Javid, also known as JAH, who doesn't use a last name, led the tour last May and will take a second group of students on the graffiti tour sometime this month.

Since last spring, the city rewrote its graffiti policy and now makes property owners remove graffiti on their buildings or petition a committee to allow it to stay because it's art. It's a two-faced relationship with graffiti, on one side a crackdown on vandalism, the other — sometimes reluctant — an embrace of the art form.

To understand why graffiti and hip hop — graffiti in particular — come into conflict with the law, Black explains the culture has always been about young people who feel marginalized reclaiming the city.

"One of the things I tell my students is when people are criminalized, you have to look at the power relationships in the city," he said.



Top: Graffiti with Mayor Rob Ford's face is seen in the alley south of Queen Street West. Bottom: White rabbits by Eric Kristmanson, known as Poser, are seen in the alley south of Queen Street West. Kristmanson was recently charged with mischief for allegedly being caught doing graffiti. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Youth graffiti program leader has lowdown on crackdown

Javid, a leader of legitimate youth graffiti programs, holds a silk screen used to make T-shirts. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

When city council changed its policy in the spring and began cracking down on graffiti, some writers had a "heated response," said Javid, also known as JAH, a writer with a gallery in Kensington Market, and a leader of legitimate youth graffiti programs.

"Even writers who'd stopped bombing — doing illegal work — started going out again because there was a lot of hype about this so-called war, or this crackdown on graffiti," he said in an interview.

"Tagging and bombing is part of the culture," he added. "So anyone who has painted in the city has gone through a period of vandalism. There's very few that haven't, because it's just part of it."

The youth graffiti programs he leads — in which he helps kids create a mural on a wall volunteered by its owner — let kids transition from their illegal vandalism stage into their legal graffiti careers, he said.

Legitimate graffiti is not only sought after by some business owners to beautify their building, or at least prevent illegal tagging, it's also on the walls of galleries and featured in commercials, said Javid.

But not everyone wants to ever go legit, and others walk a line.

On Dec. 7, responding to complaints about graffiti and tagging in the Annex, Kensington Market and Bloordale areas, officers actively searched laneways in the Harbord and Spadina area and allegedly spotted 21-year-old Eric Kristmanson — known as Poser — spray-painting private property.

"That's crazy," said Javid, when he learned of the charges. "To hear that he's arrested is a real shame."

Poser — known primarily for his cartoon white rabbits — has done a fair amount of legal work and some property owners have petitioned the city to allow his illegal work to remain, said Javid.

"He's in a funny position," he said. "Or not so funny."

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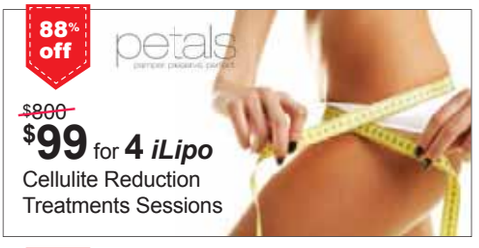

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Congress to vote Friday on Superstorm Sandy aid

Rebuilding stage. Money from House votes could result in a roughly $60-billion relief package

The leader of the U.S. House agreed Wednesday to a vote this week on aid for Superstorm Sandy recovery, changing course after coming under intense pressure from angry fellow Republicans.

House Speaker John Boehner will schedule a vote Friday for $9 billion for the national flood-insurance program and another on Jan. 15 for a remaining $51 billion in the package, Republican Rep. Peter King of New York said after emerging from a meeting with Boehner and Republican lawmakers from New York and New Jersey. The votes will be taken by the new Congress that will be sworn in Thursday.

Boehner's decision Tuesday night to cancel an expected vote on the storm aid before Congress ends its current session had provoked a firestorm of criticism from New York, New Jersey and adjacent states, including many lawmakers in his own party.

According to King, Boehner explained that after the contentious vote this week to avoid major tax increases and spending cuts called the "fiscal cliff," Boehner didn't think it was the right time to schedule the vote before the current Congress went out of business.

King left the session with Boehner without the anger that led him to lash out at the speaker Tuesday night.

"What's done is done. The end result will be New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will receive the funding they deserve. We made our position clear last night. That's in the past," King said.

Sandy was blamed for at least 120 deaths and battered coastline areas from North Carolina to Maine in October. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest-hit states and suffered high winds, flooding and storm surges.

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On the table

The House Appropriations Committee has drafted a smaller, $27-billion measure for immediate recovery needs and a second amendment for $33 billion to meet longer-term needs.

- The $9 billion in flood insurance money to be voted was originally in the $27-billion measure.
- The votes on Jan. 15 will be for $18 billion in immediate assistance and $33 billion for longer-term projects, including protection against future storms.

Chris Christie speaks at a news conference at New Jersey's State House on Wednesday. Christie blasted fellow Republican John Boehner for the House Speaker's decision Tuesday to delay a vote on Superstorm Sandy relief, saying the inaction is "inexcusable." NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Court battle. Sperm donor could be on the hook for child-support payments

A sperm donor in the U.S. is fighting an effort to force him to pay child support for a child conceived through artificial insemination by a lesbian couple.

When 46-year-old William Marotta donated sperm to Angela Bauer and Jennifer Schreiner in 2009, Marotta relinquished all parental rights, including financial responsibility to the child. When Bauer and Schreiner filed for state assistance in Kansas this year, the state demanded the donor's name so it could collect child support for the now three-year-old girl.

The state contends the agreement between Marotta and the women is not valid because Kansas law requires a licensed physician to perform artificial insemination.

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Movie-theatre shooting. Families of victims reject invitation to reopening

Relatives of the majority of people killed in a Colorado movie theatre rejected an invitation on Wednesday to attend its reopening this month, calling it a "disgusting offer" that came at a terrible time — right after the first Christmas without their loved ones.

The parents, grandparents, cousins and widow of nine of the 12 people killed said they were asked to attend an "evening of remembrance" followed by a movie when the Aurora theatre reopens on Jan. 17. They released a letter sent to the theatre's owner, Cinemark, in which they criticized the Texas-based company for not previously reaching out to them to offer condolences and refusing to meet with them without lawyers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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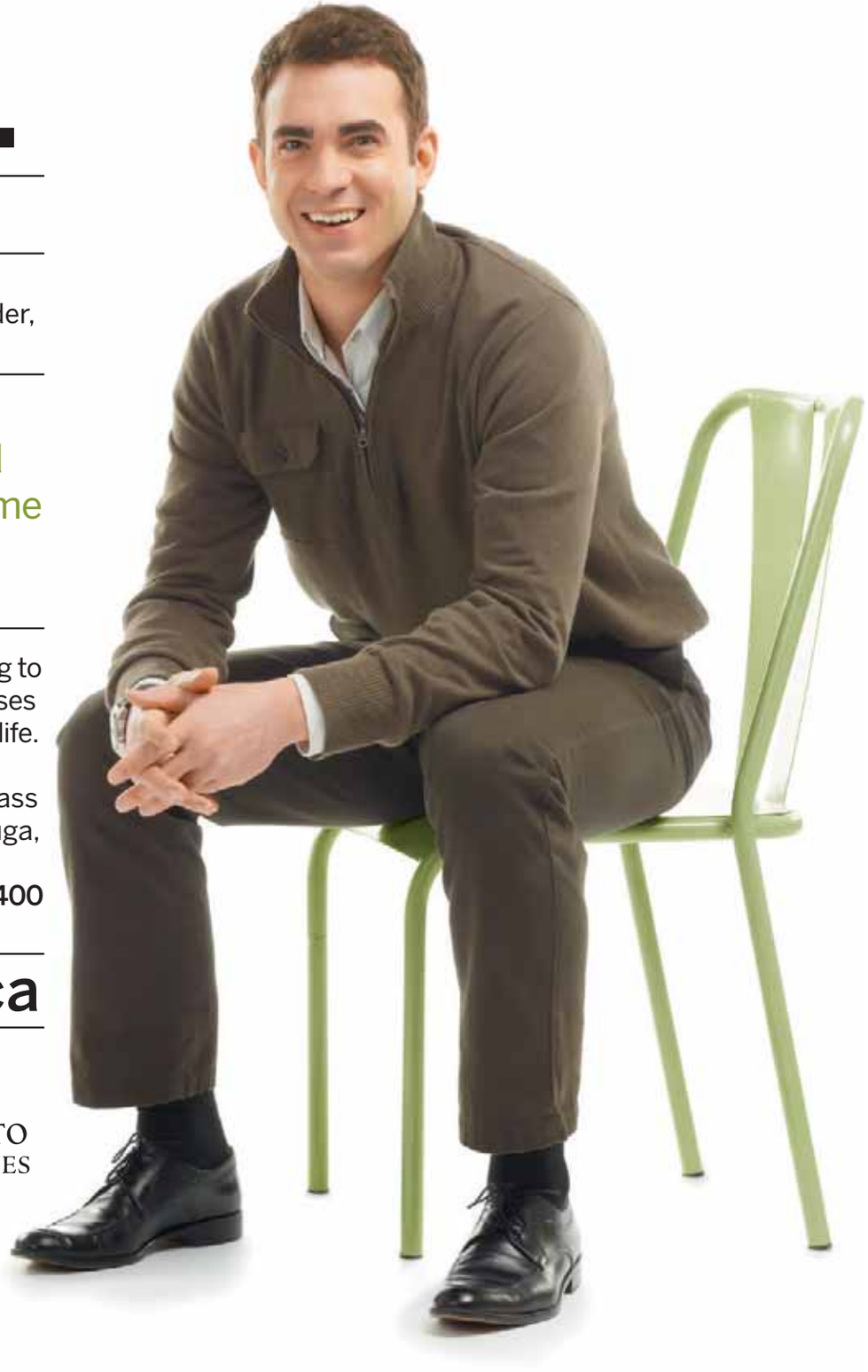

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Kids head to new 'Sandy Hook'

Newtown survivors. School in nearby town renamed, renovated and guarded by police

The children who escaped last month's shootings at a Connecticut elementary school will be returning to classes in a neighbouring town in a refurbished school now named after their old one, school officials said Wednesday.

Newtown Superintendent of Schools Janet Robinson announced that the new school, the former Chalk Hill Middle School in Monroe, has been renamed Sandy Hook Elementary School. She said the Sandy Hook staff made that decision.

"That's who they are. They're the Sandy Hook family," Robinson said after a news conference a few kilometres from the school, which will open for classes Thursday.

The school where the shootings occurred remains closed. Newtown officials haven't decided yet on its future.

Numerous police officers on Wednesday guarded the outside of the Monroe school, which is about 11 kilometres from the old school.

Teams of workers, many of them volunteers, prepared the Chalk Hill school with fresh paint and new furniture and even raised bathroom floors so the smaller elementary school students can reach the toilets. The students' old desks, backpacks and other belongings were taken to the new school to make them feel at home.

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On guard

"I think right now it has to be the safest school in America."

Monroe police Lt. Keith White on the level of security at the new school.

A man waves to a child on a bus on the first day of classes after the holiday break, in Newtown, Conn., Wednesday. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lost. Woman missing for months allegedly killed in Pakistan over finances

A lawyer says a Canadian-Indian woman missing since August has been killed in eastern Pakistan.

The woman, Rajvinder Gill, went to Pakistan to try to settle a financial dispute but disappeared.

Her father went to the police after she didn't contact her family for weeks.

The lawyer, Aftab Bajwa, who represents the woman's father, said the police chief of the eastern city of Lahore told a court Wednesday that a suspect confessed to killing the woman.

A police officer said the suspect confessed to working with a German of Pakistani origin who was involved in the dispute, and together they killed the woman.

The suspect said the second man has fled the country.

Police have not yet managed to locate the woman.

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The scene on Dec. 17 after a mortar shell hit a street, killing several people in Aleppo, Syria. NARCISO CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

'We have fiddled ... while Syria burns': UN official

Deadly conflagration

A regime airstrike on a gas station in a Damascus suburb on Wednesday pushed the death toll even higher.

- Activists said dozens were killed when the strike ignited an inferno and left behind a trail of charred bodies.

The United Nations estimated Wednesday that more than 60,000 people have been killed in Syria's 21-month-old uprising against authoritarian rule, a toll one-third higher than what anti-regime activists had counted.

Opposition activist groups had been estimating the death toll at more than 45,000, and this was the first time the UN estimate was higher.

"Given there has been no let up in the conflict since the end of November, we can assume that more than 60,000 people have been killed by the beginning of 2013," UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said in a statement. "The number of casualties is much higher than we expected and is truly shocking," she added.

"The failure of the international community, in particular the Security Council, to take concrete actions to stop the blood-letting, shames us all," Pillay said. "Collectively, we have fiddled at the edges while Syria burns."

The real death toll is likely to be even greater because incomplete reports were excluded and a significant number of killings may not have been documented at all.

"There are many names not on the list for people who were quietly shot in the woods," Pillay's spokesman Rupert Colville said.

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A flag-carrying Idle No More protester watches as police divert traffic around a blockade set up in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The demonstration lasted three hours and forced traffic on the Trans-Canada Highway to be rerouted around the Perimeter Highway. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

What is the point of Idle No More?

Restless natives. Organizers say national movement is about protecting all Canadians, not just First Nations

BERNICE PONTANILLA
Metro in Winnipeg

While the Idle No More protests gain steam around the world, many Canadians still don't know what it's all about.

Dave Sauer, president of the Winnipeg Labour Council, said the issues being raised by the Idle No More protests, specifically the federal government's Bill C-45, affect Canadians of all backgrounds — and should therefore interest them.

"As a trade unionist, we live and die by our … agreements," Sauer said. "The treaties that we've made with the First Nations of this country … right now it's pretty obvious that those are not being followed through on, one end is not honouring the agreement."

Sauer said many of the non-aboriginal people at the Idle No More events share the concern that the Canadian government, led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, isn't talking with Canadians and is changing the country through large omnibus bills that don't get enough debate before being passed into law.

"That's a bridge that's starting to be built between First Nations and non-First Nations activism," Sauer said, adding the Canadian Labour Congress has endorsed Idle No More.

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"When aboriginal people do well, all of Canada does well."

Wab Kinew, director of indigenous inclusion at the University of Winnipeg, in article for the Huffington Post on the Idle No More movement

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Mystery solved. Owner of lost lobsters and gifts tracked down

Stacey Nash's Christmas vacation involved missing lobsters, the police and one thoughtful bus driver.

"This will be a story we'll never forget," Nash said.

On Wednesday morning, Halifax Regional Police issued a release asking for the public's help in finding the owner of a suitcase filled with frozen lobsters and Christmas gifts.

A Metro Transit driver had turned it into police before noon after spotting it on Monday.

"Given the nature of the items, whoever owned it was not local," police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said. "It paid off to alert the public."

Thanks to a tip from someone who read the release and saw a Kijiji ad by Nash's sister-in-law about the missing suitcase, police called her in Toronto less than an hour later.

Nash said she was "just so happy" everything was safe.

The suitcase was lost at about 6 a.m. on Monday when Nash's brother drove her to the airport to catch a flight back to Ontario, after her first holiday visit to Halifax in 20 years.

Nash said she was upset but had to board the plane.

HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

Krista Nash holds a suitcase and a bag full of frozen seafood after retrieving her sister-in-law Stacey's lost luggage from the Halifax Regional Police station on Wednesday afternoon. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO IN HALIFAX

Fatal encounter

No pit-bull ban in Calgary, despite death of dog

Calgary has no plans to ban or otherwise restrict pit bulls after three of the dogs were involved in a fatal encounter in a city dog park.

A Pomeranian died in the incident on Monday while a Great Pyrenees was injured after both off-leash animals approached a man walking three pit bulls on leash.

City officials seized the pit bulls, which are due to undergo behaviour tests.

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Time to empty the piggy bank.
Penny collection starts Feb. 4

Jim Flaherty is setting his sights on your pennies. The federal finance minister is reminding Canadians that starting Feb. 4, the Royal Canadian Mint will stop distributing pennies and instead start collecting them from banks and other financial institutions.

Flaherty says he'll take every advantage over the next month to remind Canadians that the supply of pennies will start to diminish as a result.

In his March budget, Flaherty unexpectedly announced the demise of the one-cent piece, saying pennies cost too much to manufacture and are a nuisance to many Canadians. After Feb. 4, cash transactions will have to be rounded to the nearest five-cent increment, but electronic transactions will still be calculated down to the individual cent.

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Costly coinage

- The last pennies minted on May 4 in Winnipeg cost about 1.6 cents each to manufacture.
- Even though Finance Canada faces a one-time net cost of $38 million to retire the penny, the long-term savings to government and to the economy will be substantial.

Chump change: Are nickels next on chopping block?

Coins we don't love anymore. Some say five-cent piece is also becoming obsolete, and should follow penny into the sunset

The federal government is retiring the penny, and some think the nickel should be next in line. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

As the penny is set to begin retirement next month, there are already calls to put the nickel out to pasture as well.

The Royal Canadian Mint starts collecting one-cent coins on Feb. 4 for melting and recycling of the metal content, with some six billion pennies expected to be surrendered by Canadians over the next six years.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the surprise demise in last year's budget, saying the penny had become a nuisance.

And a former Bank of Canada economist says the nickel is also becoming obsolete, and should be next in line for retirement.

"We see less and less people now ... digging in their wallets for nickels," Jean-Pierre Aubry said in an interview.

A retired 30-year veteran of the Bank of Canada, Aubry has been a leading proponent of withdrawing the one-cent piece from circulation.

In papers and presentations for Desjardins Group over the last few years, Aubry used economic models to show that the penny should actually have been killed in about 1982.

That was a tipping point, as more Canadians hoarded the coins and the Royal Canadian Mint was pressed to churn out billions more to keep retailers stocked, costing the government up to $11 million annually.

Aubry argues the nickel will soon hit the same tipping point the penny did in 1982, as Canadians hoard them in greater numbers, forcing the mint to distribute up to 350 million each year to meet retail demand.

"It's a sign that the coin is not well used," he said.

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Smartphone market

In Southeast Asia, RIM's star still shines brightly

While BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion claws for a diminishing market share in North America, it maintains a reputation in Southeast Asia that in some places harkens back to its glory days.

At Siam Paragon, the biggest mall in Bangkok and one of the largest in Asia, the BlackBerry retail store is just steps away from outlets selling designer labels like Prada, Dolce & Gabbana and Lamborghini.

Indonesia is also a bright light, having become RIM's biggest market in Southeast Asia. The company holds roughly half of the local handset market and has been ranked the top-selling smartphone there for the past two years. The BlackBerry also ranks as the No. 2 smartphone in the Philippines, and the No. 3 smartphone in Thailand and Malaysia.

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Market Minute

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With Zipcar purchase, Avis goes after younger customers

Avis is leaping into the car-sharing service business by buying Zipcar for $491.2 million US, aiming to capture a new type of customer and technology that will vastly expand its car rental options.

Car sharing has become a popular alternative to traditional rentals in metropolitan areas and on college campuses, allowing members to get a vehicle for an hour or two for short trips instead of renting a car for a day or using mass transit. The segment has been growing while traditional car rentals have struggled in the current slow-growth economy.

Avis Budget Group Inc. is the third-largest U.S. rental car company, behind Enterprise Rent-a-Car and Hertz Global Holdings Inc.

"I've been somewhat dismissive of car sharing in the past but what I've come to realize is that car sharing, particularly on the scale that Zipcar has achieved and will achieve, is complementary to our traditional business," Avis' Chairman and CEO Ron Nelson said in a conference call after the deal was announced.

Nelson said the acquisition means Avis will now be able to reach younger, more tech-savvy consumers that prefer sharing services.

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By the numbers

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LEAVING HIS SINGLE-DUDE WAYS IN THE DUST

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Year after year I make tough New Year's resolutions in an attempt to mend my bachelorhood ways, such as resolving to regularly dust the TV with a cloth, rather than running my hand over the screen every six months and exclaiming, "Wow, that's dusty!"

Well, I'm happy to say that in the past year I've finally made some progress. I no longer own a television.

In your face, dust. Cough, cough.

And in the kitchen, a friend of mine brought me 12 basic spices this year and, I must say, they really spruce up the windowsill.

Many of my other single-dude problems remain, however. I just don't have the right attitude.

Share and share alike

I consider a keyboard sticky with the previous user's Snickers bar a tasty value-add, similar to a mint on your pillow.

I notice this in newsrooms where different shifts share the same computers. Some of my co-workers start their shifts with spray and cloths and hand sanitizer, as if they'll be using their desks for open-heart surgery. Meanwhile, I consider a keyboard sticky with the previous user's Snickers bar a tasty value-add, similar to a mint on your pillow.

This failure as a human being is unfortunate from a life perspective but very fortunate from a column perspective because it leads to:

John's 2013 Bachelorhood Resolutions

- I resolve to clean the four breakfast bowls I have, rather than using increasingly less appropriate stand-ins such as Tupperware, popcorn bowls, flower pots and the mop bucket.
- I will clean these dishes before Corn Flakes have become irremovable fossils that will be of interest to top Corn Flake scientists seven centuries from now.
- I resolve to cook a meal that is not bacon, eggs and toast. (Making bacon and toast, eggs and toast, or bacon and eggs is partial credit only.)
- I resolve to accept that re-soaking the dishes repeatedly will not get them clean, that rotating the pillows only works once, and that not using the coffee machine for a while is not the same as cleaning the coffee machine.
- I resolve to invite people over so that I have to clean, but I'm still not scrubbing behind the toilet unless it's, at minimum, the Queen.
- I resolve to learn how to do things on my own rather than calling my parents with cryptic questions like, "Say there was a grease fire right now, would pouring baking soda on it help? Because I don't have any, hypothetically."
- I resolve to do these things soon enough that they can be considered New Year's resolutions and not some last-ditch bucket list. Because the bucket has corn flakes in it.

Royal resolve: Tackling a job even a prince like William can handle.
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From police box to mail box

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Two worlds collide

Sci-fi classic gets stamp series

This image, released by Britain's Royal Mail on Wednesday, shows a postage stamp with an image of the present Doctor Who, Matt Smith. Doctor Who — who usually uses a police box for travel — will be zooming through time and space on the edge of letters in 2013.

The stamps honouring the cult British television program will be available starting at the end of March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doctor Who celebrated

50

The Royal Mail is marking the 50th anniversary of the science fiction show Doctor Who with a series of stamps featuring each of the 11 actors who have played the title role. Those featured include the present doctor, Matt Smith, as well as past Time Lords such as David Tennant and Christopher Eccleston. The stamp featuring the first Doctor Who, William Hartnett, is shown below.

Time Lord's foes go postal, too

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The series will also include a miniature sheet that brings together Second Class stamps featuring four of the Doctor's iconic foes — a Dalek (shown above), an Ood, a Weeping Angel and a Cyberman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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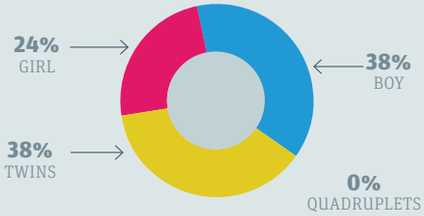

Twitter

@BrianBanks:
I have to think zipcar zealots are overrepresented on Twitter. It's a small-potatoes takeover people, move along.

@Jeremy_Feist:
That awkward moment when you actually meet a deadline, and then you get an auto-reply saying they're out of the office until the day after.

@LeafsCommunity:
So if the #NHL & #NHLPA don't resolve their issues in the next 10 days, then when? Fear will help resolve issues. Deadline deals always work

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@HutchesonNick:
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Happy New Year! 'Tis the season for bridal shows

WedLuxe. Plenty of planning can be done online, but it lacks the visceral thrill of a bona fide nuptial event

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Chances are, you or someone you know got engaged in the last week. The holidays are one of the busiest times of years for wedding proposals, making January one the busiest months for wedding shows.

"A lot of people get engaged over the holidays," confirms Carolyn Clark, one of the organizers of WedLuxe magazine's second annual wedding show this weekend at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

In this day and age though, bridal or wedding shows — large rooms filled with photographers, florists and planners vying for your business, telling you "it's your day" — could be said to be superfluous. Most aspects of the big day can be pieced together online.

But while cyber planning is convenient, says Clark, it ignores the attention to detail and visceral thrill of real-life interactions. "Invitations are fine to look at online but when you actually hold the card stock in your hand, it's a different thing."

Likewise, she says, it's important to get along with your wedding planner, if you choose to use one, since you're going to have to work with them for a long time. "You have to find the (person) that suits your personality."

Wedding shows can be an overwhelming experience, something Clark and her team have tried to temper by curating attendees through an invite-only policy. As it stands, Saturday's attendees can expect about 140 vendors specializing in high-end and boutique celebrations. "The idea is to give people an experience," says Clark.

Organizers are expecting about 2,000 people, each of whom will receive a swag-bag. There's even a "groom's lounge" for overwhelmed partners that includes comfy chairs, televisions and food. Of course, there's no right or wrong way to plan a wedding and couples will ultimately have to decide what works best for them. After all, it is your big day.

The WedLuxe Wedding Show is Saturday at the Fairmont Royal York from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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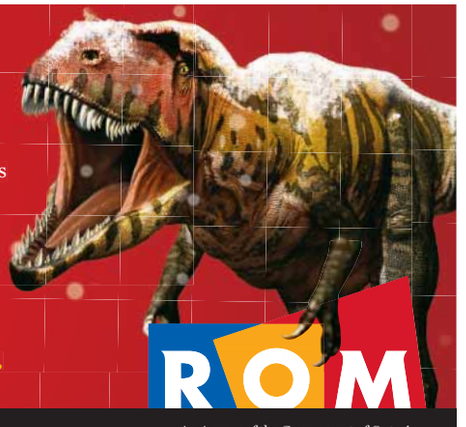

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Walking the line of super and natural

Sci-Fi television. Kris Holden-Ried speaks to Metro about working on Showcase's Lost Girl and the physical challenges it presents as an actor

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Having a "wolf in the fold" is usually considered a bad thing, but if that wolf happens to be Lost Girl's Dyson, then you are in luck. Handsome, intelligent and brimming with animal magnetism — no pun intended — he is a member of the supernatural Fae community and works as a police homicide detective to help keep the peace amongst humans as well as the Fae.

For actor Kris Holden-Ried, who plays Dyson on the popular Showcase TV series, teetering between both worlds is a constant but welcome acting exercise.

"The physical challenges with Dyson are, one, he's a shape-shifter, so he has to have animalism, and two, he's of indiscriminate age, so we're playing him as 1,000 or so years old," notes Holden-Ried during a break on Lost Girl's Toronto set. "The trick is to then mix and match that with creating a grounded and believable character."

Dyson's unofficial crime-busting ally (and romantic interest) is Lost Girl's heroine and fellow Fae, Bo (Anna Silk), a beautiful Succubus able to suck the life out of you.

"In season one, Bo and Dyson shared a great deal of passion, but he also knew some of Bo's secrets," says Holden-Ried. "While that put him at an advantage, it also stopped him from fully committing to her. Dyson ultimately fell in love with Bo, but couldn't show it, which was fun to play.

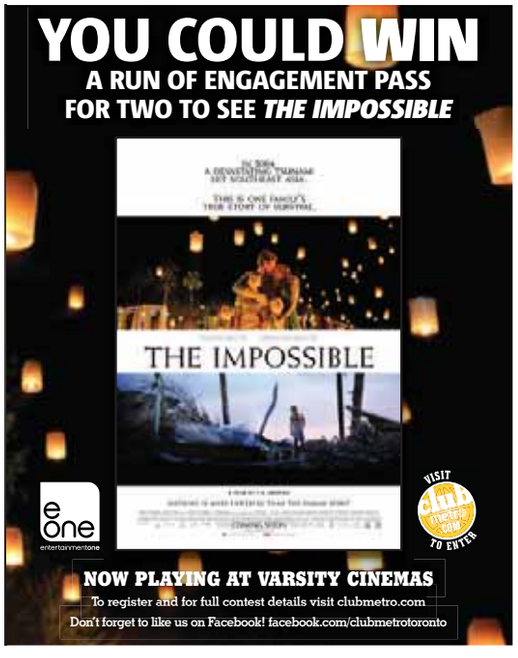
"At the end of season one, Dyson's love for Bo was ripped from his soul. That turned into a whole other journey for him in season two, where the constant emptiness he felt almost drove him crazy."

Far from Lost

Lost Girl premieres Jan. 6 on Showcase

- **Upcoming.** While the actor cannot reveal what awaits Lost Girl fans in the show's upcoming third season, it is obvious just by watching Holden-Ried at work that his enthusiasm for the series and playing Dyson has not waned in the least.

Kris Holden-Ried stars in Lost Girl on Showcase. HANDOUT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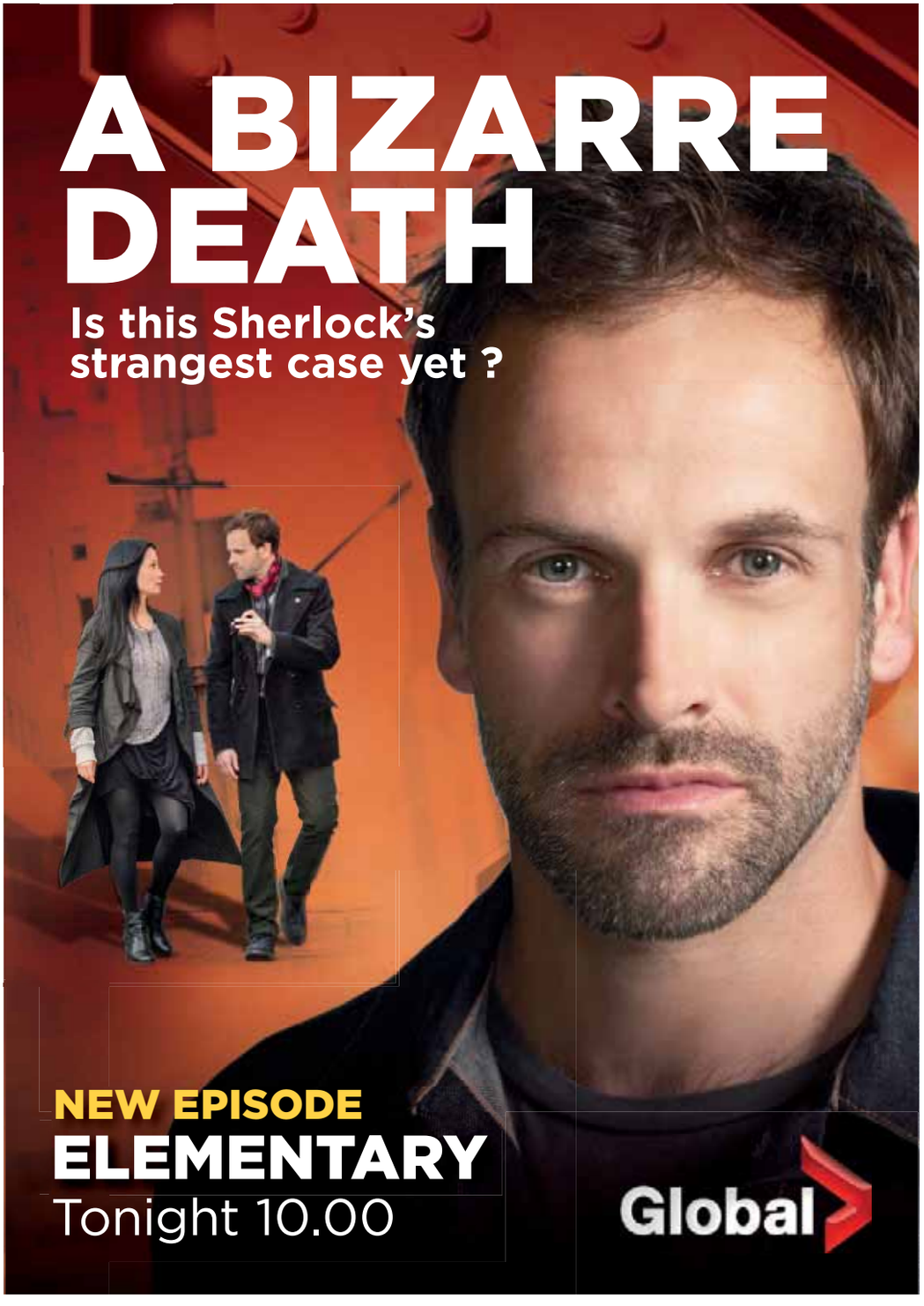

Brody keeps it light as headlining looms

Canadian country music. Coming off some serious industry success, music's new sensation isn't stressing about his role as a headliner

It's a good thing Dean Brody has scheduled the dates for his first national headlining tour, because the country music star is all over the map — literally.

The British Columbia native, who now lives in Nova Scotia, records in Nashville and helps rescue girls from sexual exploitation in Brazil will perform in 24 Canadian cities in January and February. Brody will start kicking up his heels in Victoria and end with a tip of his cowboy hat in Halifax.

Brody, who was named male artist of the year and won album of the year for his record Dirt at the Canadian Country Music Association Awards in September, admits to being a little nervous.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it," Brody said in an interview.

"I just want to give a good show. You know people that come out, they might not necessarily just want to hear just how the record sounds. We want to do some elements in the show that you wouldn't expect."

Brody said, for example, part of the show will be done acoustically.

"It's really cool. We had a rehearsal about a month ago preparing for the tour and we did this one segment where we're kind of around a campfire, we've got this big moon in the background and the sound of the crickets and stuff," he said.

Dean Brody has been living the life since his success at the Canadian Country Music Association Awards. HANDOUT

"Boy, it was a lot of fun. It's going to be the most fun part of the show."

While it is officially the Dirt tour, Brody said fans will hear from all three of his albums. That includes the hit single Canadian Girls. Brody has his own favourites too.

"I love playing Wildflower," Brody said, referring to the single from his second record Trail in Life.

"I'm not sure why, but it always comes at a part in the show where you know we've rocked it out for three or four songs and then we pull it back and do Wildflower. To me, it's a point in the show to take a breath and just really fall into that song and I love it."

It wasn't clear if Brody would ever get to this point.

He moved to Nashville to be a songwriter and was encouraged to start recording his songs. But things didn't work out with his U.S. record label. Brody asked to be let out of his contract in 2009 because he said he was asked to make a compromise he wasn't willing to make. He moved his family back to Canada.

"I'm just glad it worked out because sometimes you do things out of principle and they don't always work out for the best financially. As far as your character goes, it's good to stand up to things you don't believe in," he said.

"But I really thought, 'Man, this is it. I'm going to be working in a coal mine. This isn't going to work out.'

"But I got lucky. Open Road Records took me on in Canada and ... we have a mutual respect for each other. It's great to be respected by your record label and have the freedom, the creative freedom, to be able to do what I do."

As a solo songwriter, Brody knows the pressure is on.

"You kind of put yourself out there. Like you write something and because you didn't write with anybody else, it's almost like being naked in front of a crowd," he laughed.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A year in music: Top 5 chart toppers of 2012

Music. From Gangnam Style to Call Me Maybe, Metro looks back at some of the year's biggest hits

Top 5 albums/singles

1. Frank Ocean's Channel Orange
2. TIE: Father John Misty's Fear Fun and PSY's Gangnam Style
3. Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe
4. Gotye's Somebody That I Used to Know
5. TIE: Rihanna's Diamonds and Ke$ha's Warrior

Father John Misty made 2012's Top 5 with Fear Fun. CONTRIBUTED/MAXIMILLA LUKACS

How did we all leave We Are Young by Fun. off this list? Is it because we're all too old to sing that song out loud? Or is it that the opening of the song is just too schlocky to make it all worth the amazing chorus? Seriously, if that song was the chorus alone, it would be the song of the year. To tell you the truth, it probably still will be anyway. Also, here's where I'm a little bit of a jerk: That Gotye song officially started getting airplay last year. **PAT HEALY**

Somebody That I Used to Know stays on the list because it made me think there was this really great Police song from the '80s recently discovered and newly released. I think I just proved your old fogies theory. **AMBER RAY**

Maybe this supports the argument that I'm already an old fogey, but I had to look up the Rihanna and Ke$ha songs because I hadn't heard them before. Ke$ha has finally been the first to inspire me to call something "devil music" in an unflattering way. **HEIDI PATALANO**

Another bit of food for thought: Would Gangnam Style make the list if there weren't a video? People probably posed the same question about Duran Duran in 1982, and it's strange how this bit of devil's advocacy is still relevant in 2012. But seriously, in an age where music videos aren't shown on regular TV anymore, it is interesting that a video made such a huge cultural and musical splash. **PAT HEALY**

I think it would have — hell, I still haven't even seen the Gangnam Style video, but I somehow know the dance. I personally enjoyed Britney trying her hand (at) it while appearing on Ellen, but why was she dressed like a flight attendant for that episode? **MEREDITH ENG**

I think a prerequisite for best song of the year means we can sing along with it. Oh man, I'm such a xenophobe. **DOROTHY ROBINSON**

What about Kanye this year? Did anybody vote for Cruel Summer? **PAT HEALY**

I say this every single year, and I hate change so I'll say it again: I have never heard anything by Kanye West that I didn't want to turn off immediately. Who's old and grumpy? This girl — this girl right here. **MONICA WEYMOUTH**

Oh man, Monica, give Mercy a chance! There's so much going on in this track. I love how it flawlessly switches between winding dancehall to some gritty southern rap all while maintaining a cool, dark undertone and then suddenly taking a left turn to an electronic dance party. Yup, you have to bring ALL your moves to the floor. Adding to the awesomeness is the all-black ninja-Bedouin looks everyone sports in the stylized video. It's totally one of those fashion moments I can see being referenced years from now. **TINA CHADHA**

Carly Rae Jepsen. GETTY IMAGES

Editor's picks

Music editor Pat Healy's Top 5

1. Father John Misty's Fear Fun
2. Michael Kiwanuka's Home Again
3. Big Boi's Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors
4. Frank Ocean's Channel Orange
5. TIE: Bruce Springsteen's Wrecking Ball and The Walkmen's Heaven

This was a weird year for music. For the first time, I feel like there was actually too much to listen to. Look at the top lists of any major publication and there are very few similarities.

I, for one, am surprised more outlets aren't praising the stellar songcraft of Father John Misty and Michael Kiwanuka. Neither are reinventing the wheel. In fact, both seem very much rooted in sounds of the '60s and '70s.

But as for my next two entries, Big Boi and Frank Ocean, I think both are really doing great things to push their genres forward.

Big Boi took a brave tact on this most recent album, which also didn't make many lists (presumably due to its December release date). Instead of just a few indie collaborations here and there, like he has done in the past, almost every track is a collaboration with either Phantogram or Little Dragon. The results are completely original.

Frank Ocean's results are completely original too. It really is like he is on the forefront of bringing a much-needed update to R&B. The new school, which includes Miguel and The Weeknd, never knew a world where hip-hop didn't exist and that has formed their worldview in such a unique way that the old soulsters didn't have.

And in fifth place, maybe it's just loyalty, but two of my favourite acts released albums that weren't my favourites they've ever released, but I still enjoy them.

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2012's memorable moments à la mode

Beauty and the buzz. From a dress double-up to a cropped-coiffe craze, here are some of the most talked-about style stories of 2012

The Olympics saw some of the most famous faces in fashion strutting to a David Bowie soundtrack. GETTY IMAGES

Michelle Obama and Ann Romney's matching hues.
The wives of the presidential candidates turned out to the second debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney in practically the same shade of hot pink. But they weren't by the same designer: Romney's was by Oscar de la Renta, and Obama's by Michael Kors. A potential matching prom dress-style embarrassment was chalked up to timing: October's breast cancer awareness month.

Marc Jacobs' Louis Vuitton show
Many of the designer runways seemed more of the same —stark stages, thumping music and audiences distracted by their electronic gadgets — but the Louis Vuitton fall catwalk in Paris commanded attention. Models dressed in their very best travelling clothes stepped off a reconstructed retro steam train. Valets carried the vintage-inspired hat boxes and vanity cases. The trip seemed refreshingly refined and modern.

Two-tone Stella McCartney dresses
McCartney, no stranger to the red carpet, has created a style that celebrities can't get enough of. Her ultra-flattering "silhouette" dress has become almost ubiquitous. It features one colour on the bodice and back, and a graphic opposite on the sides and sleeves. Kate Winslet has worn several versions, and Brooklyn Decker, Kate Moss, Edie Falco and Liv Tyler have, too. The best turn might have been Jane Fonda at the Cannes Film Festival.

Beyoncé's back-from-baby body
Some new mothers claim they feel sexier than ever. Beyoncé was living proof at the Met Gala, the important industry event co-hosted by Vogue's Anna Wintour. Beyoncé's skin-tight, largely sheer — save the bodice beading and feathered fishtail train — gown by Givenchy announced that Ivy Blue Carter's mom wasn't going to hold back. An honourable mention goes to Jessica Simpson, who dieted her way to a Weight Watchers ad, then wound up pregnant again.

Supermodel reunion at the London Olympics.
Gold was the new black at the closing ceremony with a parade of supermodels wearing gilded gowns in a tribute to British fashion. Kate Moss and Naomi Campbell both had on Alexander McQueen, Georgia May Jagger's was by Victoria Beckham, Karen Elson was in Burberry, and Stella Tennant donned a Christopher Kane Swarovski-crystal catsuit.

Miley Cyrus' cropped cut
When Cyrus cut off the long hair her fans had become used to, she took some heat. She has said (and tweeted) repeatedly, though, that she was pleased with the new punk-pixie look and was sticking with it. Short hair turned out to be a big trend, with Alicia Keys, Rihanna and Anne Hathaway all ending the year with much shorter locks than they started with.

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Front-page fashion

Moore at the Emmys

Julianne Moore's neon-yellow Dior Haute Couture outfit (really a sweater and ball skirt) spawned a love-it-or-hate-it debate among armchair style critics. What was largely left out of that conversation, however, was that it was Raf Simons' big celebrity debut for Dior.

007's slim suits

Daniel Craig's wardrobe in Skyfall is impeccably tailored — and quite tight. Unlike the James Bonds that came before him, Craig, whose wardrobe is created mostly by Tom Ford, takes his suits Euro-style with tapered legs and shorter rises.

Angelina Jolie at the Oscars

The leg that peeked out of the high thigh-high slit of her Versace gown was the most exciting appearance on the red carpet. It was Jolie's picture-perfect pose to expose just enough thigh that launched a thousand memes.

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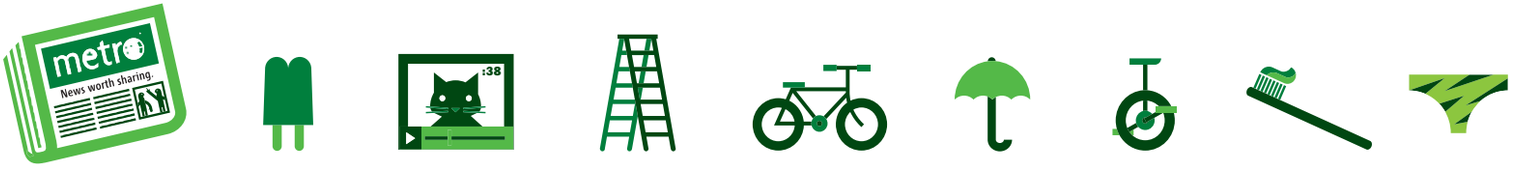

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Ottawa

Fiona

Student and sales associate at AMH Style

Age: 19

What she's wearing
Tory Birch boots, Hudson jeans, Banana Republic button-up, Banana Republic jacket, Ferragamo bag.

Her inspiration
"I would definitely have to go with Leighton Meester, I think her style is both classic and elegant."

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@Jeanne_Beker: Yikes! Sounds expensive!

@tamdelidelam: Quit smoking

@Jeanne_Beker: Oh please--do try to keep that resolution! Our health is our greatest treasure.

@KeevanDeurs: Organizing & purging the house of clutter....

@Jeanne_Beker: That's a big one I HAVE to keep! Gotta make room for all that great NEW stuff. :)

@tallulah_belle: To drink less coffee:p

@Jeanne_Beker: Funny, that's one of mine too. Bring on the green tea!!!!

@Miss_VMorton: to never repeat an outfit, because, well, you can't not sometimes!

@Jeanne_Beker: Very ambitious! I say: Wear the same outfits...with different attitudes!

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Contemporary design in the Upper Beaches

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Resolutions from a decorator

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Every new year the decorating magazines, newspaper columns and home decor television shows ramble off the predicted trends for the upcoming new year.

Although it's good to know what they are, it's also important to consider which ones can — and cannot — be implemented in our lives.

My resolution this year is not to bring a lot of new trends into my life, but to say goodbye to a few that don't hold longevity in my home.

Here are two of last year's trends that I fell prey to in 2011-2012 — ones that have had their way (and their day) with me.

Industrial Chic: Used initially for a little shock value, industrial items have now become overblown in the home. SUPPLIED

The deconstructed factory look

Stripped metal furnishings, repurposed wood, worn carpets and industrial factory cart coffee tables have somewhat had their day. There's always a casual decor scheme on tap and the industrial chic look is now overblown. Was it an attempt to decorate in a more casual manner without going back to country decorating? My new motto about this look: If it looked great in a factory setting, then don't bring it home anymore. Search for fresher looks in the casual decor schemes — pastel colours, pale wicker, seagrass and off-white paint colours.

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The colour brown

We've seen brown tones dominate home decor for the past 10 years, and although it wasn't a new trend last year, it just seemed to linger on much longer than other colour trends from the past. From espresso wood tones to deep brown leather furnishings, it's a promise to myself to think twice before introducing any more of it to my room's decor scheme. There are certain decor items that will always need to be brown — wood flooring, cabinetry and book cases, but using it in upholstery, paint and wallpaper feels a bit overdone these days. Replace those dark brown colours with rich, muted shades of grey, purple,

The colour brown has been used to create some pretty spectacular rooms, but it's time to say goodbye this year. SUPPLIED

Lots of green beans and black beans and chickpeas — oh my!

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This salad has nutrition galore and makes a great side salad or buffet dish. Often I'll add some grilled chicken or fish and make it a main meal. Cut the avocado just before serving, or add some lemon juice to it to prevent discolouration.

1. Steam the green beans just until bright green and still crisp, about 3 minutes. Place immediately under cold water and rinse until the beans are no longer warm. Place in a serving bowl.

2. Spray small non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn, stirring frequently, until browned, approximately 8 minutes. Add to the serving bowl, along with the black beans, chickpeas, bell pepper, onion and avocado.

3. Whisk the zest, juice, oil, garlic, ginger, jalapeño, salt and pepper together in a small bowl.

4. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to mix well. Garnish with the cilantro. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 8 oz green beans
- 1 cup drained canned corn kernels
- 1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado

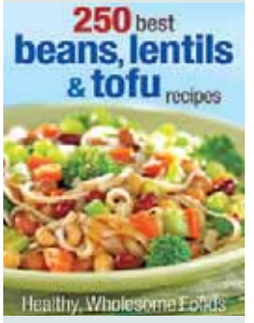
Dressing

- 1 1/2 tsp lime or lemon zest
- 3 tbsp freshly squeezed lime or lemon juice
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 tsp minced jalapeño
- Pinch salt and black pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro, basil or parsley

Three-Bean Avocado and Charred Corn Salad with Lime Dressing

This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Cookbook of the Week



Spotlight on beans

Knowing that beans, lentils and tofu are good for you is one thing, but cooking with them is another. 250 Best Beans, Lentils & Tofu Recipes, compiled by author and editor Judith Finlayson, offers varied and globally-influenced recipes.

Winter-friendly eats such as Curry-Fried Tofu Soup With Vegetables and Udon Noodles and Firehouse Chili Soup will warm you up. And even meat eaters can enjoy the book with hearty dishes like Quince-Laced Lamb Shanks With Yellow Split Peas and Baked Shrimp Enchiladas. **METRO**

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Raptors still blazing hot

NBA. Rookie Ross notches career high as Toronto gets off to winning start in 2013

Wednesday's game

Raptors	Trail Blazers
102	79

The Toronto Raptors tipped off the new year in the same fashion they bid farewell to 2012 — by winning.

Terrence Ross poured in a career-high 26 points, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to end the first half, to lead the Raptors 102-79 over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday, the eighth victory in nine games for Toronto.

The game was the opener of a six-game homestand for a Raptors (12-20) team that was hammered by a particularly unkind early-season schedule.

DeMar DeRozan finished with 24 points, while Ed Davis had 19, Amir Johnson added 17 and point guards Jose Calderon and Kyle Lowry finished with 13 and nine assists respectively.

The rookie Ross drained six three-pointers, including a buzzer-beater that brought the crowd to its feet and saw him fall over backwards as he watched the ball fall through the hoop.

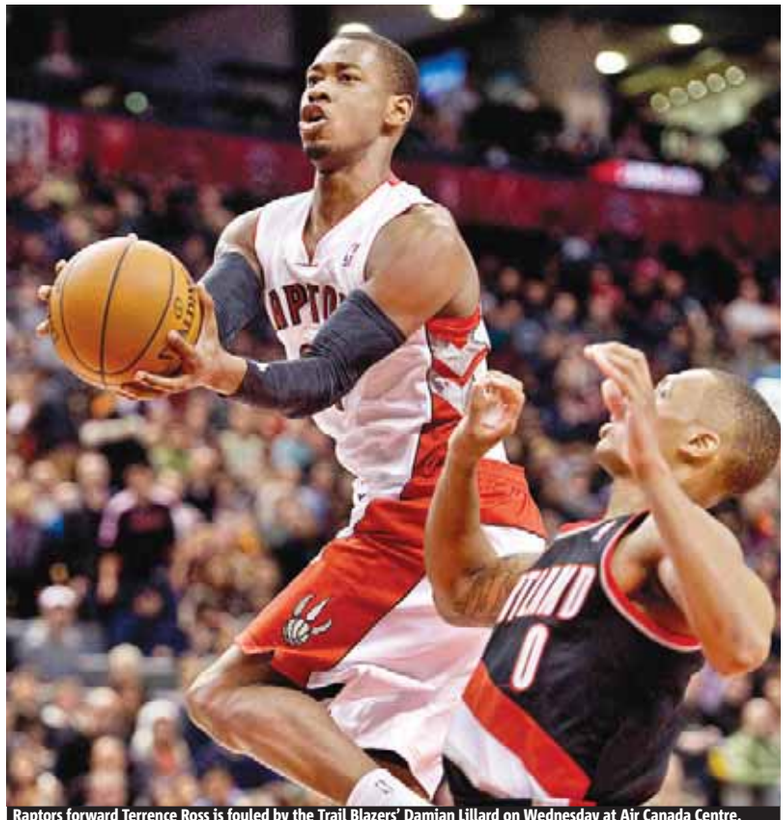
Damian Lillard had 18 to top the Blazers (16-15), who were coming off a 105-100 victory at New York on Tuesday night.

The Raptors played with the same energy and unselfishness that saw them through such a strong December, and never trailed, leading by as much as 18 points in the first half before taking a 78-61 lead into the fourth quarter.

Toronto didn't let up in the fourth, with back-to-back threes by John Lucas and Ross giving the Raptors a 25-point lead with 1:06 left.

Toronto shot 53 per cent on the night, and connected on 8-of-23 shots from beyond the arc.

The game was the ninth in a row the Raptors have played without forward Andrea Bargnani, who suffered a ligament tear in his right elbow in Toronto's last matchup with the Blazers, a 92-74 loss in Portland on Dec. 10. There's no timeline for his return but Raptors coach Dwane Casey said prior to the game the Italian centre would undergo another MRI before he would be cleared to play. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Raptors forward Terrence Ross is fouled by the Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard on Wednesday at Air Canada Centre. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHLers temper excitement for return to ice

Former Canadiens players Mathieu Darche, left, and Steve Begin arrive for a September training session in Brossard, Que. Begin is cautiously optimistic a deal to end the lockout is coming soon. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The talks have heated up and a deal could soon be at hand, but NHL players are trying not to let their hopes get too high that a collective-bargaining agreement will get signed and a partial season will be saved.

A group of eight NHL players skating in Candiac, Que., a suburb of Montreal, Wednesday were glad that their players' union and the league have been talking over the last few days in New York. But they caution that the NHLPA thought a deal was close only a month ago, only to see commissioner Gary Bettman withdraw his offer.

"Yes, we're excited, but I hope it's not like last time when we were all excited and then the next thing you know, it's off the table," said forward Steve Begin. "But you have to stay positive."

Quoted

"Now I think it's time.... I think they'll get something done."

Locked-out defenceman Steve Begin

Begin does not have a contract, but is awaiting a chance to crack the Calgary Flames' roster during what may be a short training camp.

The league wants a deal done by Jan. 11, so a 48-game schedule can start on Jan. 19. The threat of losing an entire season, as happened in 2004-05, looks to have lit a fire under the negotiations.

"I've got excited before and I'm not going to get excited until a deal is signed," cautioned Montreal Canadiens captain Brian Gionta.

"We're looking forward because it's getting late," said Canucks forward Alex Burrows. "We're in the new year now, so we have to make sure they keep talking and find a way to grind it out and agree on a few things." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘The Nuge’ dispensing nuggets of NHL wisdom to junior teammates

World juniors.
Nugent-Hopkins source of insight for Team Canada teammates with big-league aspirations

Quarter-final clashes

John Gaudreau had a hat trick, Riley Barber scored twice and the United States beat the Czech Republic 7-0 to set up a rematch with Canada in Thursday’s semifinal. Canada topped the U.S. 2-1 in the preliminary round.
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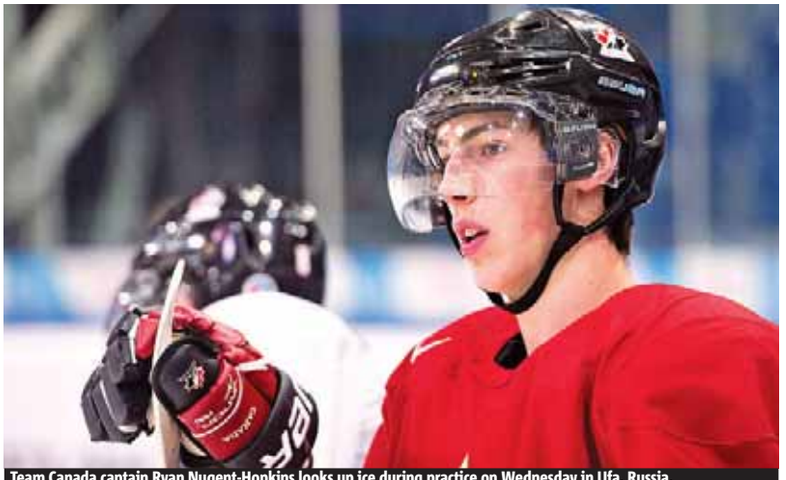

Team Canada captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins looks up ice during practice on Wednesday in Ufa, Russia.
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Regardless of what happens the rest of the way for Team Canada at the world junior hockey championship, most of the players on the team hope — one day — to make the NHL.

“It’s in the back of your mind all the time,” said forward Boone Jenner, a draft pick of the Columbus Blue Jackets. “It’s the main goal. Since you’re a little kid you want to play in the NHL. Every day you try to think about that and wonder how you’re going to get better each day and keep going. It’s the ultimate goal.

“And hopefully some day I’ll be able to set foot on the ice for a game.”

While his teammates can only dream of life in the NHL, captain Ryan Nugent-Hopkins has already lived it. He was a point-per-game player with the Edmonton Oilers last year, and is a rising star in the league.

As such, Nugent-Hopkins has become a wonderful resource for his teammates to learn about life in the bigs.

“They definitely have a lot of questions,” said Nugent-Hopkins. “Some guys have experienced a few games. Some guys will be there in a few seasons. There definitely are some questions and I try to shed light on it.”

What does he tell them?

“It’s definitely the best of everything,” said Nugent-Hopkins. “The checking is so much better, the speed of the game is just amazing. The first thing I noticed was the atmosphere in the buildings. It was extremely fun to play in, playing against the best players in the world, players I’ve always watched, was pretty cool.”

As much as Nugent-Hopkins has been the focus of the team’s offence on the ice, he is the focus of attention off it for the advice he can give.

“He’s been talking to us a little bit about it,” said Jenner. “Little stories. Everyone listens in... He’s already been up there. It’s kind of cool.”

In all, 20 of Team Canada’s 23 players are already drafted by NHL clubs. As many as 10 could get the call to come to camp immediately after the tournament if the lockout ends.

They’ll have pulled off a rare double: Getting to play in the world juniors, then getting an immediate shot at the NHL.

“It’s definitely pretty exciting to think about it that way,” said Kitchener Rangers defenceman Ryan Murphy, a lock to go to the Carolina Hurricanes’ camp. “I never really thought about it but that could have been my last game in Kitchener I played before the break.

“It would be nice to play another game in Kitchener, but it would be pretty cool to play in the NHL. Whatever happens, I’ll be happy with it.”

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Go to metronews.ca for coverage of Thursday’s Canada-U.S. semifinal in Ufa Russia.

Lockout proves fruitful for Leaf hopeful Nilsson

If there are any positives at all about the NHL lockout and NHLers dispersing to Europe, it is that they provide an accurate measuring stick for young players.

One of those players is Maple Leafs prospect Tom Nilsson, who plays for Mora IK of Sweden’s second division.

He’s a teammate of Bobby Ryan and Anze Kopitar, two NHLers who went overseas during the lockout.

“It’s really cool to be around them,” said Nilsson. “I try to look at them as much as I can. I feel I have learned a lot from them.”

The Leafs drafted Nilsson in the fourth round, 100th overall, in 2011.

Those picked in the mid-to-late rounds are far from sure-fire NHLers, but those that have seen Nilsson play say his game has improved tremendously.

Leafs GM Brian Burke remarked the other day that Nilsson had developed some offensive skills to go along with the physical play — that was the reason the Leafs drafted him.

“It’s hard to say if he’ll make the NHL,” said former Leaf Mikael Renberg, following Team Sweden at the world juniors as a broadcaster. “He needs a couple of more years, at least one more after this. I would like to see him in the (Swedish) elite league. He plays in the second league.

“I would say he is one or two years away before he can even make a try. I’m not 100 per cent sure he’ll be an NHL player, but if he keeps playing the way he is now, he might have a chance.”

Sweden — defending champions in the tournament — won its group and got a bye to Thursday’s semifinal.

It was a bit of a surprise: The team is young and is without four key defencemen.

But Nilsson’s emergence is one of the reasons Sweden finds itself playing for a medal.

“He’s been the best defenceman on the Swedish team,” said Renberg.

“He’s a steady defenceman, he plays physical when he needs to play physical.”

Nilsson had a goal and an assist in round-robin play.

“I like the way he competes, I like the way he prepares for the game.

He’s a true professional,” said Team Sweden coach Roger Ronnberg. “He’s a good athlete and he’s hard to play against.

“I am really happy with his game so far.”

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Leaf prospect Tom Nilsson skates for Team Sweden during a junior evaluation camp last August in Lake Placid, N.Y. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	8	.733	—
New York	21	10	.677	1½
Atlanta	20	10	.667	2
Indiana	19	13	.594	4
Chicago	17	13	.567	5
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	5½
Brooklyn	16	15	.516	6½
Philadelphia	15	17	.469	8
Boston	14	17	.452	8½
Toronto	**12**	**20**	**.375**	**11**
Orlando	12	20	.375	11
Detroit	12	22	.353	12
Charlotte	8	23	.258	14½
Cleveland	7	26	.212	16½
Washington	4	26	.133	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	24	6	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	25	7	.781	—
San Antonio	25	8	.758	½
Memphis	20	9	.690	3½
Golden State	21	10	.677	3½
Houston	18	14	.563	7
Denver	18	15	.545	7½
Minnesota	14	13	.519	8½
Portland	16	15	.516	8½
L.A. Lakers	15	16	.484	9½
Utah	15	17	.469	10
Dallas	13	20	.394	12½
Sacramento	12	20	.375	13
Phoenix	11	21	.344	14
New Orleans	7	25	.219	18

Wednesday’s results
Toronto 102 Portland 79
Sacramento 97 Cleveland 94
Indiana 89 Washington 81
Chicago 96 Orlando 94
Memphis 93 Boston 83
Miami 119 Dallas 109 OT
Houston 104 New Orleans 92
San Antonio at Milwaukee
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City
Philadelphia at Phoenix
Minnesota at Utah
L.A. Clippers at Golden State
Thursday’s games — All Times Eastern
San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Friday’s games
Sacramento at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 8 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NBA SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	31	323	227	939	30.3
Anthony, NYK	25	249	164	729	29.2
Durant, Okl	30	277	249	854	28.5
James, Mia	29	295	132	762	26.3
Harden, Hou	30	229	266	783	26.1
Westbrook, Okl	30	224	156	646	21.5
Aldridge, Por	28	237	115	589	21.0
Wade, Mia	25	194	114	509	20.4
Lee, GoS	31	260	102	622	20.1
Curry, GoS	31	215	99	621	20.0
Pierce, Bos	30	197	148	598	19.9
Ellis, Mil	29	211	122	570	19.7
Parker, SA	31	234	114	597	19.3
Holiday, Phi	28	211	75	528	18.9
Lillard, Por	30	193	98	553	18.4
DeRozan, Tor	**31**	**210**	**129**	**565**	**18.2**
Mayo, Dal	32	206	97	583	18.2
Walker, Cha	31	206	111	560	18.1
Gay, Mem	27	185	87	485	18.0
Bosh, Mia	28	191	117	505	18.0
Anderson, NO	31	205	44	554	17.9
Duncan, SA	32	227	110	566	17.7
Deng, Chi	29	192	102	509	17.6
Jennings, Mil	29	188	78	509	17.6
Griffin, LAC	32	229	104	564	17.6
West, Ind	31	222	97	543	17.5
Howard, LAL	31	187	160	535	17.3

Not including last night’s games

RAPTORS 102, TRAILBLAZERS 79

PORTLAND (79)
Batum 4-12 2-2 10, Aldridge 7-12 0-0 14, Hickson 1-4 0-0 2, Lillard 6-13 5-6 18, Matthews 4-7 2-3 12, Freeland 4-6 3-3 11, Claver 1-2 0-1 2, Price 1-2 0-0 2, Babbitt 1-4 1-1 4, Barton 0-1 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 31-70 13-16 79.

TORONTO (102)
Pietrus 0-4 0-0 0, Davis 9-12 1-4 19, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Calderon 0-1 0-0 0, DeRozan 11-17 1-1 24, Johnson 7-12 3-3 17, Anderson 2-9 0-0 4, Lowry 0-2 0-0 0, Fields 3-4 1-1 7, Ross 8-14 4-6 26, Acy 0-0 2-2 2, Lucas 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 41-77 12-17 102.

Portland	**17**	**22**	**22**	**18 —79**
Toronto	**24**	**31**	**23**	**24—102**

3-Point Goals—Portland 4-22 (Matthews 2-4, Babbitt 1-4, Lillard 1-5, Claver 0-1, Pavlovic 0-2, Batum 0-6), Toronto 8-23 (Ross 6-9, Lucas 1-2, DeRozan 1-3, Calderon 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Lowry 0-2, Pietrus 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 38 (Aldridge 10), Toronto 45 (Johnson, Davis, Fields 7). Assists—Portland 19 (Lillard 7), Toronto 34 (Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Portland 18, Toronto 20. Technicals—Acy. A—18,117 (19,800).

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday’s games — All Times Eastern
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Sunday’s games
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
Washington, Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington, Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC, TBA
NFC, TBA

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m.

IIHF WORLD JUNIORS

QUARTER-FINALS
Wednesday’s results
U.S. 7 Czech Republic 0
Russia 4 Switzerland 3 (SO)

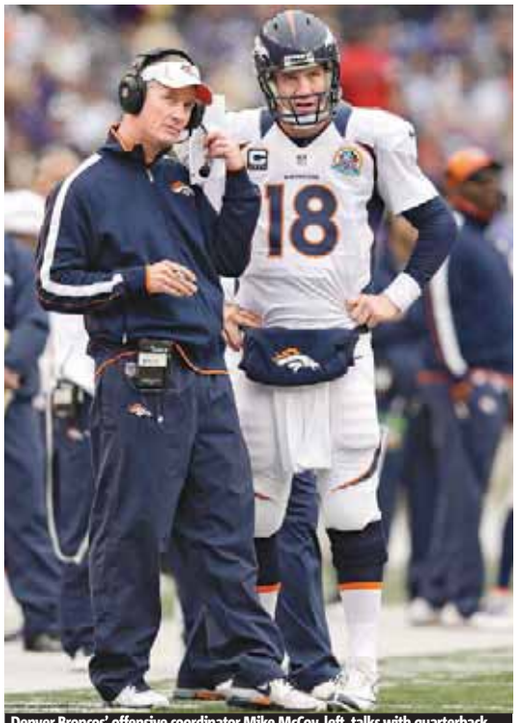
SEMIFINALS
Thursday’s games — All Times Eastern
Canada vs. U.S., 4 a.m.
Sweden vs. Russia, 8 a.m.
Friday’s game (5th place)
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

MEDAL ROUND
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Saturday, 4 a.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Saturday, 8 a.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Finland	2	2	0	0	0	13	1	6
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	2
Germany	2	0	0	1	1	1	10	1
Latvia	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	0

Wednesday’s result
Finland 8 Germany 0
Thursday’s game
Slovakia vs. Latvia, 6 a.m.
Friday’s games
Latvia vs. Germany, 4 a.m.
Finland vs. Slovakia, 8 a.m.



Denver Broncos' offensive coordinator Mike McCoy, left, talks with quarterback Peyton Manning during a game on Dec. 16, 2012. Wally Buono knew 13 years ago that McCoy had the qualities to be a good football coach. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Buono knew QB would be real McCoy as coach

Job interviews. Mike McCoy, former CFL QB, is meeting Buffalo, Chicago, Arizona and Philadelphia about head coach spots

He's one of the NFL's hottest head-coaching prospects, but Wally Buono knew 13 years ago while with the Calgary Stampeders that Mike McCoy had the qualities to be a good football coach.

"Oh yeah and here's why," the B.C. Lions vice-president of football operations and GM said Wednesday. "We had Mike for something like four days and then he started for us and won four or five games with no training camp and a lot of it was because he cerebrally was able to pick up things quickly and stay within the structure of the offence.

"He had all the things as a coach you need to have, you have to have a work ethic, you have to have discipline, you have to have toughness. Things didn't faze him."

Buono was Calgary's head coach in '99 when McCoy arrived and quickly found himself under centre with injuries to regulars Dave Dickenson and Henry Burris. McCoy adjusted quickly, completing 117 of 183 passes (63.9 per cent) for 1,669 yards with 10 TDs and just two interceptions.

At season's end, Buono wanted McCoy to return but the then 28-year-old quarterback abruptly retired to become an offensive assistant coach with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

Completing his fourth season as Denver's offensive co-ordinator, McCoy should be relishing an off-week after the Broncos (13-3) earned a first-round playoff bye. Instead, he'll meet with the Buffalo Bills, Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals and Philadelphia Eagles about their head-coaching vacancies.

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Quoted

"Mike, at the time, could have been our starting quarterback, but went to Carolina almost as a graduate assistant because he felt the vision for his life was to be a coach." **Wally Buono** on Denver Broncos offensive co-ordinator and head coaching prospect Mike McCoy

NFL

Linebacker Lewis ready to retire

Ray Lewis spent 17 seasons instilling fear in his opponents while serving as an inspirational leader for the Baltimore Ravens.

Now he's poised and eager to become a full-time dad.

Lewis announced Wednesday he will end his brilliant NFL career after the Ravens complete their 2013 playoff run.

Lewis has been sidelined since Oct. 14 with a torn right triceps. The 13-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker intends to face the Indianapolis Colts Sunday in what will almost certainly be his final home game.

"Everything that starts has an end," the 37-year-old Lewis said. "For me, today, I told my team that this will be my last ride."

Lewis will walk away from the game because he wants to spend more time with his sons.

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March 21 - April 20
Today's Mercury-Uranus link warns that what you desire the most is unlikely to be good for you, so maybe you need to think about it again. Try to think through what the consequences might be — it could save you a lot of bother later on.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Focus on the big issues today. Don't let little everyday things distract you. Most people seem to enjoy getting caught up in trivial details. But you're not most people, you're a Taurus. Be different.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours, you must stay in control of your emotions. If you allow them to get out of hand, you could end up in a place you really don't want to be. Stay calm.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You won't be able to hide your thoughts and feelings today. Your face will betray you even when you think you are lying convincingly. You might as well open up and let the world know what's in your heart.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be inclined to work harder than ever but it really isn't necessary. Ask yourself, honestly, if there is anything that must be done immediately. Chances are most things can wait a few days.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Although you are feeling pretty dynamic at the moment, you may find it hard to get moving today. Don't let it worry you if nothing much gets done because you will more than make up for it later on.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Stop wasting time and energy thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what still could be if you get your act together right now. The past is over and done with, so focus on the future.

Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
If you don't follow the rules today, you could find yourself in a lot of trouble. Be wary of people who try to encourage you to take the kind of risks that even you tend to avoid. They'll lead you astray.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be a nice guy by nature but you will fight for what you believe and you are certainly no pushover. Who was it who said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"? That's the kind of outlook you need.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be inclined to throw yourself at each and every challenge that comes your way but that's just a waste of time and energy. Choose your battles carefully and aim to win them one at a time.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Rivals and competitors seem determined to give you a hard time but that's OK. You are at your best when it seems as if the world is against you. It's not true, of course, but it does tend to motivate you.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seems as if your life is heading down a predestined course but that isn't strictly true. You can change your destiny any time you choose, but first you need to believe that it's possible. Start believing today. SALLY BROMPTON

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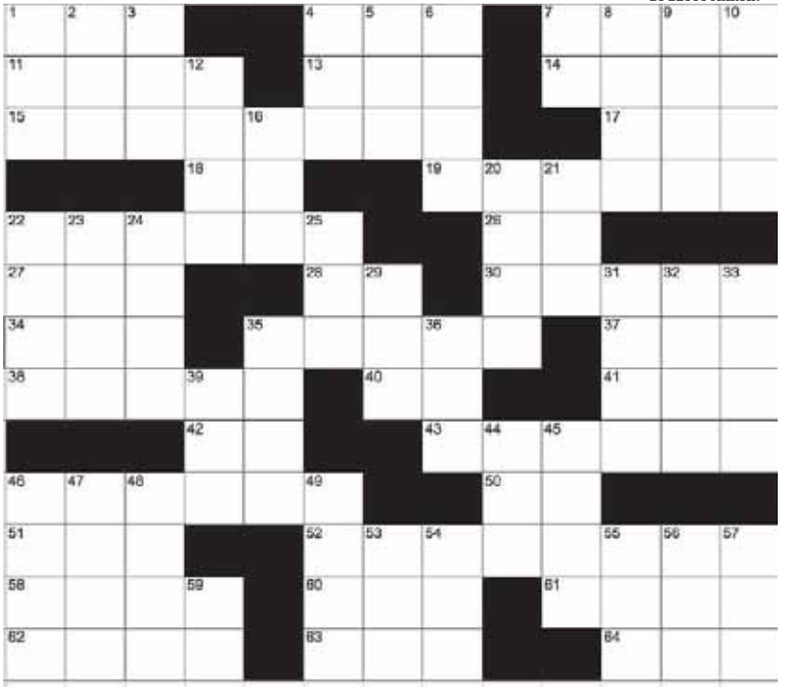

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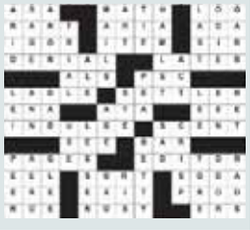
11. Minerals
13. Opening (anat.)
14. I smell - — (2 words)
15. Window shopping
17. Patience – – virtue (2 words)
18. First two vowels in a sequence
19. Handbag handles
22. Pancake mixture
26. Battery sz.
27. Spanish cheer
28. Blood type (abbr.)
30. Fencing weapon
34. Actress Maris of Nurses
35. Show gratitude to
37. Ruin
38. Florida city
40. Negative
41. – – loss for words (2 words)
42. Chemical suffix
43. Confidential
46. Newcomer
50. Unser of racing
51. Lab eggs
52. Refrains from
58. Yesteryear
60. "The Crying Game" actor
61. Kind of point
62. Monthly exp.
63. Directed
64. Atlas abbr.

Down
1. Corn throwaway
2. YYZ posting
3. Prefix meaning recent
4. Japanese carp
5. Shore bird
6. Jokes
7. Egyptian Sun God
8. Diva's solo
9. Sound of fright
10. Greek letters
12. Smack
16. Lay eyes on
20. Chore
21. Not yet cooked
22. Gravy holder
23. Burghoff's co-star
24. Plow puller
25. School cheer
29. Exclude
31. Actor Epps of House, M.D.
32. Hotel posting
33. Mild oath
35. Powder
36. Numerals (abbr.)
39. Luau fare
44. Consume
45. Chowder ingredient
46. Slangy refusal
47. Football shape
48. Bud holder
49. My Name is —
53. Opie's aunt
54. Melancholy
55. Comparative suffix
56. Word with 'waste' and 'want'
57. Fr. holy woman
58. Roger E. Mosley on Magnum, P.I.

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	2		8		7		1	
	7	5				9	4	
1								2
		6	7	1	8	2		
		4	6	9	3	8		
5								7
	8	9				3	6	
	6		4		5		8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	2	8	3	5	9	1	7	6
5	9	3	7	6	1	2	4	8
7	6	1	8	4	2	9	3	5
8	3	7	1	2	5	6	9	4
6	5	2	9	3	4	7	8	1
1	4	9	6	8	7	3	5	2
2	7	4	5	1	3	8	6	9
9	1	6	4	7	8	5	2	3
3	8	5	2	9	6	4	1	7

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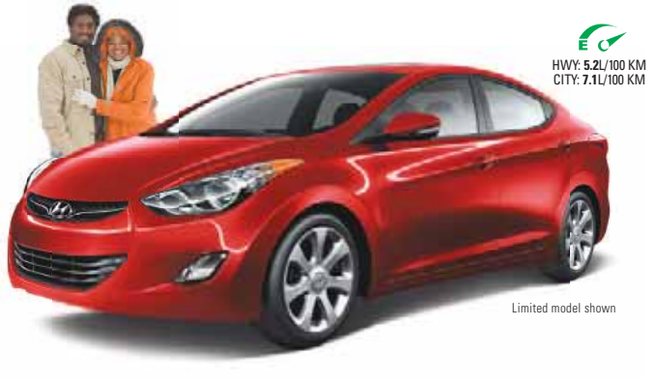

HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
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